

Current Projects

The Deep Fire in 2004 threatened the Giant Sequoia Groves within the Mountain Home Demonstration Forest. During the fire suppression planning process line suppression personnel along with the Forest Manager developed a strategy to utilize a planned but not implemented fire defense break. This ridgetop secondary line was initially opened up utilizing strategic thinning and brush removal with fallers, handcrews, bulldozers, and a skidder. The coordinated effort insured that a suitable control line was established, timber harvested could be removed and decked out of the fire area, and that an effective yet esthetically feasible fuel break would remain for future use. The establishment of this fuel break develops a control line from which to anchor future fuels management treatments from with maintenance is planned annually.



Mountain Home State Forest Fuel Break paralleling Summit Road



Skidder working to remove vegetation along the East fuel break,
Mountain Home State Forest

A second fuel break was constructed south of Methuselah Campground along the Southern border of the Mountain Home state Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument. This fuel break was created utilizing handcrews to cut, stack, pile and burn the vegetation. This fuel break was created as a suppression line for the Deep Fire and lies within The Giant Sequoia National Monument. Maintenance of this fuel break will rely on a cooperative effort with the Sequoia National Forest.



Shaded Fuel Break protecting an Old Growth Sequoia



Planned Grouse Valley VMP

Tulare Unit is currently working towards the implementation of the Grouse Valley VMP. This proposed project is a cooperative effort between the Sequoia and Boston Ranches, Department of Fish and Game and the Tulare Unit.

<i>Batt.</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Grant</i>
11	CDF	Badger / Miramonte Fuel Break	Planning	Shaded F.B.		N
11	CDF	Mankin Flat FCR Fuel Break	Planning	Shaded F.B.		N
11	CDF	Shadequarter / Mankin VMP	Planning	VMP		N
11	CDF	Battalion Fire Prevention Signs	Operational	Info		
12	CDF	Battalion Pre - Attack Maps	Planning	GIS / Info		N
12	CDF	North Fork "Rat Trail"	Operational	Fuel Break		N
12	CDF	Kaweah Lake "Rat Trail"	Operational	Fuel Break		N
12	CDF	Grouse Valley FCR Fuel Break	Operational	Shaded F.B.		N
12	CDF	Grouse VMP	Operational	VMP	1500	N
12	CDF	Three Rivers Fire Safe Garden	Operational	Demo		N
12	CDF	Sheep Creek Suppresion Tank	Maintenance	Water Tank	N / A	N
12	CDF	Salt Creek Suppresion Pond	Maintenance	Water Tank	N / A	N
12	CDF	Battalion Fire Prevention Signs	Operational	Info		
13	CDF	Cow Mountain Fuel Break	Maintenance	Fuel Break		N
13	CDF	Rancheria Suppresion Tank	Planning	Water Tank	N / A	N
13	CDF	Wishon Suppression Tank	Maintenance	Water Tank	N / A	N
13	CDF	Success Lake "Rat Trail"	Operational	Fuel Break		N
13	CDF, USFS	Rancheria Fuel Break	Maintenance	Fuel Break		N
13	CDF, USFS	Pierpoint Fuel Break	Planning	Fuel Break		N
13	CDF	Camp Nelson Fuel Break	Planning	Shaded F.B.		N
13	CDF	Cow Mountain Suppression Tank	Maintenance	Water Tank	N / A	N
13	CDF	Dennison VMP	Planning	VMP	600	N
13	CDF	Balch Park RD Suppresion Tank	Maintenance	Water Tank	N / A	N
13	CDF	Battalion Fire Prevention Signs	Operational	Info		N
14	CDF	Poso Fuel Break	Operational	Shaded F.B.		N
14	CDF, USFS	Uhl Pocket Fuel Break	Maintenance	Shaded F.B.		N
14	CDF, USFS	Pine Mountain Fuel Break	Maintenance	Shaded F.B.		N
14	CDF	Pine Mountain VMP	Planning	VMP	1600	N
14	CDF	Sandy Creek VMP	Planning	VMP		N
14	CDF	Gibbons Peak	Planning	VMP	1800	N
14	CDF	Battalion Fire Prevention Signs	Operational	Info		
MHDSF	CDF	Mountain Home State Forest VMP	Operational	VMP	120	N
MHDSF	CDF	Mountain Home Fuel Break	Operational	Shaded F.B.		N